



**Grosse Pointe Board of Education  
Minutes of  
GROSSE POINTE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
February 27, 2023**

**Enclosure: 5.1**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/ROLL CALL**

President Ismail called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

**Board members present:** Trustees: St. John, Jeup, Worden, Cotton, Ismail and Papas

**Absent:** Trustee Brumbaugh

**Late Arrival:** None

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by all in attendance.

Ismail opened the meeting by asking for a moment of silence to show respect for the 3 students who tragically died at MSU.

**Also Present:** Superintendent Dr. M. Jon Dean and Deputy Superintendent Dr. Roy Bishop, Jr. and Deputy Superintendent Amanda Matheson

**2. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA FOR February 27, 2023 - 6:32 pm**

Trustee Worden asked to make an amendment to the agenda under section 7 Information and Discussion to give the public an update on the IA Building.

**It was moved by:** Trustee Worden

**Supported by:** Trustee St. John

**THAT the Board approve the Amended Agenda for February 27, 2023 as amended.**

**Ayes:** Trustees: St. John, Jeup, Worden, Cotton, Ismail and Papas

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

**3. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT - 6:34**

**3.1. Report from the Superintendent**

Dr. Dean gave a thank you to all of the staff, the community and the BOE, especially the mental health staff, who stepped in these past two weeks due to the tragedy at MSU.

### **3.2. GPEA Good News Report**

Pam Albrecht spoke on behalf of the presidents of the GPEA and thanked multiple GPEA members, organizations, businesses and residents for all that they have done to assist these past weeks.

### **3.3. Good News Report**

Mary Anne Brush gave an uplifting overview of all of the events and projects that took place throughout the district in honor of Black History Month. She also presented the award winners from the Scholastic Art and Writing Competition, along with discussing all of the performances that have taken place and will be coming up, along with multiple future events around the district. She closed with a shout out to Nan Sabella and Nicole Brumme, along with multiple others, for organizing the event, MSU Dogs, Donuts & Dogs, to offer support to the community.

### **3.4. Budget Update**

Deputy Superintendent Matheson provided a budget update with highlights from the Governor's proposal.

## **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2023 - 6:47 pm**

Terence Collins, GPP, discussed the proposal for legal counsel.

Mary Rouleau, GPP, discussed the proposal for legal counsel.

Joshua Neds-Fox, GPW, discussed the proposal for legal counsel.

## **5. AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2023 - 6:57 pm**

### **5.1. Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2023**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee St. John

**Supported by:** Trustee Jeup

**THAT the Board approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 13, 2023 as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees: St. John, Jeup, Worden, Cotton, Ismail and Papas

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

### **5.2. Approval of Human Resources Report for February 27, 2023**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Worden

**Supported by:** Trustee Cotton

**THAT the Board approve the Human Resources Report for February 27, 2023 as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees: St. John, Jeup, Worden, Cotton, Ismail and Papas

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

### **5.3. Approval of Network Electronic Firewall**

**It was Moved by:** Trustee St. John

**Supported by:** Trustee Worden

**THAT the Board approve the Network Electronic Firewall as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees: St. John, Jeup, Worden, Cotton, Ismail and Papas

**Nays:** None

**Motion carried 6-0 vote**

#### **5.4. Approval of BOE Legal Counsel**

Trustee St. John made a motion to postpone the vote for Approval of BOE Legal Counsel until March 13, 2023

**It was Moved by:** Trustee St. John

**Supported by:** Trustee Worden

**THAT the Board postpone the vote for BOE Legal Counsel as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees: St. John and Worden

**Nays:** Trustees: Jeup, Cotton, Ismail and Papas

**Motion failed 2-4 vote**

Trustee Worden made a motion that the BOE Legal Counsel only be used in instances where there is a conflict of interest

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Worden

**Supported by:** Trustee St. John

**THAT that the motion be amended to say that BOE Legal Counsel can only be used in instances where there is a conflict of interest as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees: St. John and Worden

**Nays:** Trustees: Jeup, Cotton, Ismail and Papas

**Motion failed 2-4 vote**

#### **10 Minute Adjournment 7:36 pm**

Trustees St. John made a motion that the BOE Legal Counsel resolution be amended to state that communications with the board attorney are shared with the other members of the board and that the annual limitation is set at \$50,000.

**It was Moved by:** Trustee St. John

**Supported by:** Trustee Worden

**THAT the motion be amended to say that communications with the board attorney are shared with the other members of the board, and that the annual limitation is set at \$50,000 as presented.**

**Ayes:** Trustees: St. John, Worden, Cotton, Ismail, Papas

**Nays:** Trustees: Jeup

**Motion carried 5-1 vote**

**President Ismail asked the BOE to give their rankings on each firm.**

<b>Firm rankings:</b>	<b>Trustee St. John</b>	<b>No ranking</b>
	<b>Trustee Worden</b>	<b>Giamarco Mullins &amp; Horton</b>
	<b>Trustee Jeup</b>	<b>Thrun / Collins &amp; Blaha</b>
	<b>Trustee Cotton</b>	<b>Thrun / Collins &amp; Blaha</b>
	<b>Trustee Papas</b>	<b>Collins &amp; Blaha / Dickinson Wright</b>
	<b>Trustee Ismail</b>	<b>Collins &amp; Blaha / Dickinson Wright</b>

**It was Moved by:** Trustee Cotton                      **Supported by:** Trustee Papas

**THAT that the Board approve Collins & Blaha for BOE Legal Counsel**

<b>Roll Call Vote:</b>	<b>Trustee St. John</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>Trustee Worden</b>	<b>No</b>
	<b>Trustee Jeup</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Trustee Cotton</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Trustee Papas</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>Trustee Ismail</b>	<b>Yes</b>

**Motion carried 4-2 vote**

**6.     AGENDA ACTION ITEMS FOR MARCH 13, 2023 - 8:04 pm**

- 6.1.    Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes of February 27, 2023**
- 6.2.    Approval of Food Service Equipment**

Amanda Matheson gave a brief overview on the details of this agenda action item.

**7.     INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION - 8:06 pm**

- 7.1.    Monthly Financials/Check Register/Health Care Report**

Matheson discussed the details of the data being presented and gave a brief breakdown of each report.

- 7.2.    Board Requests**

Dr. Dean spoke about the IA update and the 7 options that are being looked at, with option 7 being pursued at this point. He gave a summary along with a broad overview of how this is taking place. This was followed by questions from multiple board members.

**8.     FUTURE MEETINGS - 8:15 pm**

- 8.1.    BOE Regular Session, Monday, March 13, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room**
- 8.2.    BOE Regular Session, Monday, March 20, 2023, 6:30 pm, Brownell Multipurpose Room**

9. **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-ACTION ITEMS - 8:15 pm**

Michelle White, GPP, discussed funding and the proposal for the clinic.

Terence Collins, GPP, discussed the facilities committee, funding, and the IA Building.

Clint Derringer, GPC, discussed the challenges of the new board.

10. **OTHER COMMENTS FROM BOARD MEMBERS AND SUPERINTENDENT - 8:25 pm**

**Trustee St. John** talked about the tragedy at MSU and how grateful she is for how well our administration and teachers stepped in to help the students make this a normal week and to feel safe. She also discussed her feelings on asking questions and how we need to do our best to answer members of the public. She closed with how our number one priority should be to provide for the education of our students.

**Trustee Worden** expounded on the hard work and the leadership of our teachers and administrators during this awful time with what happened at MSU. She also mentioned how much she keeps thinking about how important a mental health clinic would have been at this time. She also brought up her concerns with the tone of this board and would hope that this adversity can stop.

**Trustee Jeup** discussed how everyone is mourning this devastating loss with all of the families of the MSU students and how she is with them.

**Deputy Superintendent Bishop** talked about the students who were victims at MSU and what a loss this is to everyone. He also brought up how important it is for us to partner with the parents during conferences at this time. He also discussed the upcoming Skilled Trade Career Night at North.

**Trustee Papas** thanked the staff and community for coming together for the MSU tragedy. She also brought up how she hoped we could move forward and help those families who were affected by this tragedy. She also talked about how we need to remember why we are all here on this stage and that we need to support our staff and our students.

**Trustee Cotton** expressed his thoughts about the parents and friends and what they must all be going through.

**President Ismail** talked about how hard these past two weeks have been for everybody and how his heart goes out to the families. He brought up how he hopes that if there is anything that we can do to support these families in the future, he hopes we would do it.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

President Ismail adjourned the meeting at 8:43 pm.

Ginny Jeup, Secretary